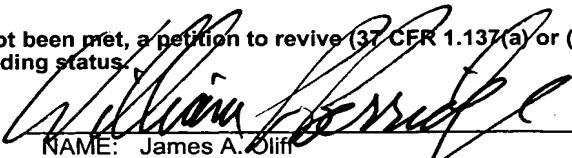
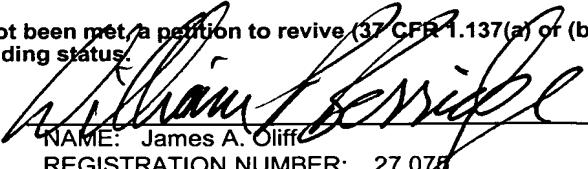
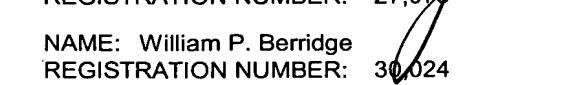


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/002973	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE February 17, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 4, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION FUEL CELL		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Masahiko IIJIMA; Shigeru OGINO; Naoki ITO; Satoshi AOYAMA; Satoshi IGUCHI; Kenji KIMURA		
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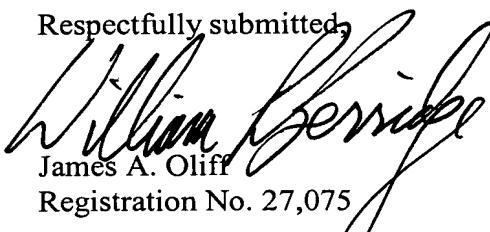
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